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Got this from Civil Beat/Huffington reporter.....answered the reporters questions with our talking points, but didn't counter point either this or the Sierra Club news release, which I'll forward next.

Thanks!

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Here's the press release from Laura Thielen. Thanks!

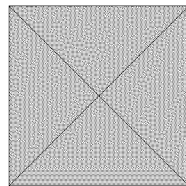
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**STATE SENATOR DISAPPOINTED WITH FINAL AGREEMENT
ON RED HILL STORAGE TANK**

Senator Thielen deems Honolulu's drinking water to be at continued contamination risk

HONOLULU, Hawaii – Senator Laura Thielen (Dist. 25 - Kailua, Lanikai, Enchanted Lake, Keolu Hills, Maunawili, Waimanalo, Hawai'i Kai, Portlock) is expressing dissatisfaction in the final agreement with the U.S. Navy and the Defense Logistics Agency which the Senator says does not take more substantial and timely action to minimize the threat of future leaks at the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

“It appears the state did not substantially alter the agreement with the Navy, which is extremely disappointing. The Navy is not being held to upgrading the tanks to the best available technology, which is double lining. Moreover, the Navy is still being allowed more than 20 years to upgrade the 70-plus year old tanks, which means we continue to place one of our largest drinking water sources for Honolulu at risk for contamination with deadly chemicals for the next two decades,” said Sen. Thielen.

“I am disappointed that the Administration ignored the primary public comments which sought stronger protection of our public aquifer, including recommendations from the Commission of Water Resource Management and the Honolulu Board of Water Supply.”

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